

REMARKS

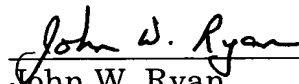
Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application in the U.S. National Phase is respectfully requested. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 1 – 10 are currently pending.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 102187.57082US).

Respectfully submitted,

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